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EVANSDALE MISSING COUSINS LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE (12-06-12)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The investigation continues into the discovery of the two bodies that was reported on December 5th, 2012. At this time we can confirm that yesterday at approximately 12:45 pm, hunters discovered two bodies at the 7-Bridges Conservation area near Readlyn, Iowa in Bremer County. Those bodies have been transported to the Iowa State Medical Examiner's Office in Ankeny for autopsy and positive identification.

At this time, law enforcement is confident, based upon evidence at the scene and our preliminary investigation, that the bodies found yesterday are those of Lyric Cook and Elizabeth Collins. However, the results of the autopsy have not been made available to law enforcement and a positive, forensic identification of the bodies has not been made. Once those results are made available to us, after notifying the family, we will make them known to the media and community.

Due to the large area surrounding where the bodies were discovered, Evidence Teams from the Bremer and Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, Iowa State Medical Examiner's Office, and Federal Bureau of Investigation are conducting a thorough search in an around the discovery location. The duration of that search may last several days.

Investigators from local, state and federal agencies are continuing to investigate the disappearance of Lyric Cook and Elizabeth Collins and relationship to this discovery. New leads continue to come into law enforcement and investigators are following up new leads as well as information derived from other sources.

We are asking that anyone with information in this case, particularly if it involves suspicious activity in the 7-bridges Park area to contact the Evansdale Police Department Tip line at 319-232-6682 or Cedar Valley CrimeStoppers at 1-8SS-300-TIPS. Information can still be emailed to:

OurMissingIowaGirls@dps.state.ia.us. A \$150,000 reward is still available through law enforcement and a separate reward fund through the Cedar Valley CrimeStoppers is still accepting donations to be paid out for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible.